SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Waddle property

DEPARTMENT: County Attorney's Office DIVISION: Litigation

AUTHORIZED BY: Lola Pfeil CONTACT: Sharon Sharrer EXT: 7257

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve negotiated settlement relating to Parcel Number 111 on the County Road 15 road improvement project in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the appraiser's fee. Judge Dickey.

District 5 Brenda Carey

Robert A. McMillan

BACKGROUND:

see attached

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the negotiated settlement relating to Parcel Number 111 on the County Road 15 road improvement project in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the appraiser's fee.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Waddle property

Additionally Reviewed By: No additional reviews



COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE **MEMORANDUM**

Maria & Munter David G. Shields

TO:

Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Matthew G. Minter, Deputy County Attorney

FROM:

David G. Shields, Assistant County Attorney

Ext. 5736

CONCUR:

Antoine Khoury, P.E./Assistant County Engineer/Engineering Division AIIX 2-25-09

DATE:

February 27, 2009

RF:

Costs Settlement Authorization

County Road 15 (CR 15)

Parcel No. 111: Timothy and Rhonda Waddle Seminole County v. Timothy A. Waddle, et al.

Case No. 2007-CA-1604-0111-13-W

This Memorandum requests settlement authorization by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the one remaining cost item on Parcel No. 111 on the CR 15 project. The total settlement sum is \$22,000.00 for the owners' appraiser's fee.

I. THE PROPERTY:

Location Data

The subject property is located at the northwest corner of C15 and unpaved Narcissus Avenue in a portion of unincorporated Seminole County. A location map is attached as Exhibit A.

Property Address B.

The street address is 340 Monroe Road, Sanford, Florida 32771. A parcel sketch is attached as Composite Exhibit B.

П **AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE.**

The BCC adopted Resolution No. 2007-R-71 on April 10, 2007 authorizing the acquisition of Parcel No. 111. The C15 road improvement project was found to be necessary and serves a public purpose and in the best interests of the citizens of Seminole County. The Order of Take occurred on August 27, 2007, with title vesting in Seminole County on September 4, 2007, the date of the good faith deposit in the amount of \$40,500.00 for this parcel as agreed by the parties.

III BACKGROUND

In October 2008, the BCC approved a settlement of \$70,000.00 for Parcel No. 111 inclusive except that the fee for the owners' appraiser remained outstanding.

IV COST CLAIM AND NEGOTIATIONS

The owners' appraiser claimed a fee of \$40,400.00. In negotiation, the County challenged the requested hourly rates as too high and the appraiser's fee as excessive. Further negotiation resulted in a cost settlement of \$22,000.00 for the appraiser's fee. This negotiation results in a reduction of approximately 46% from \$40,400.00 to \$22,000.00. Moreover, the negotiated amount of \$22,000.00 is reasonable under the circumstances of this case.

V COST AVOIDANCE

If this matter were to go to a hearing, the County would have to employ an expert witness and incur other costs. The County would also probably have to pay the owners' attorney an additional attorney's fee on an hourly basis to prepare for and attend the hearing. Under the settlement, the owners' attorney is not receiving any additional attorney fees beyond what was approved last October. It is not expected that a hearing would result in net costs below the negotiated amount of \$22,000.00.

Approval of this cost settlement resolves all remaining claims related to Parcel No. 111.

VI RECOMMENDATION

County staff recommends that the BCC approves this negotiated settlement at \$22,000.00 for the appraiser's fee.

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Attachments
Exhibit A – Location Map
Exhibit B – Sketch
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